

Working Sessions

On-site Disposal Systems



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OSDS Management Measures

- ✓ Single remaining stumbling block for several states: ME, NC, SC [AS, CT, NJ?]
- ✓ Three major issues: vertical separation distance; denitrifying systems; inspection and maintenance programs



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- ✓ EPA/NOAA conference calls with NC and SC served to clarify remaining issues and focus future actions
- ✓ Fully (and conditionally) approved states can offer a road map: DE, MA, MD, RI, VA and WI
FL, NY, NC, SC, ME



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- ✓ Lisa Hajjar, South Carolina OCRM – South Carolina's Inspection Program
- ✓ Robert Goo, EPA Headquarters – technical questions and answers
- ✓ Beth Walls, Virginia DCR – results of mini-survey on property transfer policies



OSDS Inspection at Property Sale/Transfer

- ✓ FHA requires inspection for approval of mortgage loans.
- ✓ National Small Flows Clearinghouse maintains database of state-wide regulations.
- ✓ Collaboration between DCR and VDH investigating state regulations.



What info did we find?

- ✓ Required at the time of property ownership change in AZ & MA.
- ✓ MN requires inspection for new systems, when adding a bedroom, or when building in shoreland areas.
- ✓ NH requires inspection for all waterfront property sale/transfers.



What info did we find?

- ✓ No state requirements in AL, LA, RI, or TX, some local jurisdictions have requirements of their own.
- ✓ Banks in NJ require inspection for mortgages, some municipalities require for occupancy.
- ✓ No regulations in OR or CA but they're considering initiating some.



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Questions:

- ✓ How much technical assistance is needed vs. overcoming political/institutional roadblocks?
- ✓ What role can/do local Departments of Health play vs. state water quality or CZM agencies?
- ✓ What is enough??